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**Births**

1. Registration place and date
2. Occupation/standing and name of individual reporting the birth
3. Residence and religion of individual reporting the birth
4. Mother’s name
5. Mother’s maiden name (preceded by "geboren")
6. Mother’s religion
7. Mother’s residence, which may be listed as "bei ihm" when the reporting individual is the father. If so, refer to #3.
8. Child’s birth date
9. Child’s gender männlich (male) or weiblich (female)
10. Child’s name
11. Internal office information

Key:
Dark boxes = indexed
Green boxes = unindexed

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MARRIAGES

Certificate number
Registration date and place

Section 1: Groom

Section 2: Bride

Margin notes: may include additional information recorded by the civil registry office after the event was registered. May also include references to certificates for individual's other life events.

Name
Religion
Date of birth
Birthplace
Residence

Parents: (Follows "Sohn") Generally includes parents’ names, occupations and address

Section 2 for the bride follows in same format as the groom’s section.
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Page forward to see the second page of the marriage record, with details about the witnesses.

**Section 3: Witness 1**
- Name
- Age
- Residence

**Section 4: Witness 2**
(same format as Witness 1)

Signatures of the groom, bride, and witnesses

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DEATHS

Certificate number
Registration date
Name, occupation/standing and residence of individual reporting the death
Occupation and name of the deceased. (Occupation usually precedes the name and is not indexed.)
Age (years/months)
Religion
Residence
Birth information: Generally includes the location, and may also include other details such as parents’ names and birthplaces.
Place of death
Date of death
Time of death
Internal office information

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